

## **Lake County Coastal Plan Committee Minutes**

### **August 27, 2008**

The Lake County Coastal Plan Committee hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting of the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee and that all the deliberations of the Planning Commission and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry Township Community and Senior Center, 2800 Perry Park Road, Perry Township, OH 44081.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present: Messrs. Buescher, Cain, Gilmer, Klco, Landeg, Martin, Rising, Stephenson, Welch, and Mmes. Keneven-Zanella and Neale. Staff present: Mr. Boyd, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Myers.

Visitors Present: Mr. Phillip Haskell, Perry Township Trustee and host and Larry Reichard of North Perry Village.

Mr. Boyd welcomed Mr. Robert Martin as the new representative from the City of Mentor.

#### **MINUTES**

Mr. Welch moved to accept the minutes from the May 28, 2008 meeting as submitted and Mr. Klco seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### Madison High School Art Project Update

The Artwork has been displayed in the main hallway of the Administration Building at 105 Main Street in Painesville. The four winning entries were awarded County Commissioner certificates of appreciation, Barnes and Noble gift certificates from the Lake County Principal's Association and a certificate of appreciation from the Lake County Planning Commission and this Committee at the Board of Commissioners meeting held on July 24, 2008. A member of the Tribune was present and taking pictures that we hope to see in the paper in the near future. Mr. Boyd thanked Ms. Myers for her organization and the many phone calls made for this program after he and Mr. Webster had worked with the school officials to put the contest in motion.

##### State Funding - CMAG Grant Update

\$1.25 million was awarded to Mentor, Eastlake, Perry Township and Madison Township this year from the 2009 Capital Budget Bill. Mr. Boyd had sent out thank you letters to the Senators copied to the Majority and Minority Party leaders for their support in us receiving these funds. State Senator Timothy Grendell has said he would continue to support funding the communities in the CDP projects.

The following is a community breakdown of the disbursement of the funds to be received:

Mentor Coastal Improvements.....	\$400,000
Perry Township Park.....	\$350,000
Madison Township Park.....	\$300,000
Chagrin River, Eastlake.....	<u>\$200,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,250,000</i>

Exactly when and how the funds will flow down to the communities is not known, but is being pursued by Mr. Boyd. He thought it might come from Columbus to Sandusky to the County Port Authority to the community. Mr. Boyd said they will be looking into more funding for public access, land acquisition and transportation this year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Federal Funding

Mr. Boyd was in contact with U. S. Representative Steven LaTourette and U. S. Senator George Voinovich. Mr. LaTourette has a new Washington D.C. person. He met with Mr. Voinovich's staff in Fairport Harbor about the large scale development going on there. He thought the upcoming transportation bill in October would be a good choice to work through for this Committee. We may want to expand our vision to include waterlines and pavements for parking lots to get future funding dollars. Ms. Neale noted the new staff person in Congressman LaTourette's office was a transportation person in D.C.

### Community Updates

*Lakeline – Ms. Neale* – All is quiet in Lakeline. They have a new residential park behind the Village Hall.

*Eastlake – Ms. Keneven-Zanella* – They are working on the comprehensive plan with the Chagrin River Watershed Partners and the Lake County Planning Commission.

*Lake County Development Council – Mr. Gilmer* – They received an award from Team NEO on a farmland preservation project, including the value of the wine industry. They are optimistic on increased tourism.

*North Perry Village – Ed Klco* – They are still waiting on one more permit to be signed. Huffman Construction is on hold. Gov. Strickland has to sign the permit and he is not in the area.

*Lake County Planning Commission – Darrell Webster* – They are working on plans with Madison Township. The North Perry Village Plan needs to go into the next phase with the Council for approval.

*County Engineer's Office – Bruce Landeg* – It intrigued him that the Transportation Bill could be used beyond the traditional roads for waterway transportation items.

Mr. Boyd thought the County Port Authority relationship would also be helpful. He will send an email to get people together to talk over these points.

*Eastlake Port Authority – Mr. Cain* - We have not sat down with the City to develop plans. Mr. Cain said there were a vast number of people coming to use the lakefront now.

*Mentor-on-the-Lake – Mr. Buescher* – Mr. Boyd got a call from Aqua Ohio interested in learning more about what is going on near the waterfront and preliminary land planning within that area. He forwarded the information to their Zoning Department.

*Perry Township – Mr. Haskell / Welch* – They did not know when they will be progressing with the work on the bluff as well as the erosion issue.

*Mentor – Mr. Martin* – Nothing to say.

Mr. Boyd had been at ODNR and was told they would be doing a sand bypass research analysis in Geneva to see if it works at the State Park. Mr. Boyd asked for the results to be shared with him.

*Mentor Harbor Yacht Club – Mr. Stevenson* – Nothing to say.

#### Lighthouse

The lighthouse on the west breakwater at the end of Headlands State Park was discussed. This historic icon is in trouble. One year into the project, no public entity wants to take the lead. There may be some interest in Painesville Township and the Port Authority. If no public entity takes it over, it will go to private auction. The light is to stay with the Coast Guard. Mr. Boyd says the lighthouse fits with the vision of the Coastal Development Plan.

#### New CMAG Funding

Mr. Boyd said he would like to pursue another round of \$250,000 CMAG 50-50 match funding. He would like to see at least one project funded each year. Last year, applications needed to be submitted around November 19, 2008. Please contact him if your community is interested in acquisitions, planning and designing of a public shoreline property.

#### Possible County Blueway Plan

Mr. Boyd reported on a Vermillion River-Lake Erie-Black River water trail announced in the Plain Dealer for a Lorrain County blue waterway. He said this would fit into the vision of the CDP and he had talked with Mr. Urbanski about possibly working together on something like this.

Mr. Cain thought it would be good to coordinate the waterway along the lakefront. He remarked that Racine, Wisconsin did things out of the box and thought we needed something exceptional and unique to bring others to the Lake County shoreline.

Mr. Boyd said the Fairport Harbor / Hemisphere project is moving forward, but at a slower pace.

Mr. Cain said they introduced a canoe livery in Eastlake and it has been very successful. There might be more projects than we know about if we take the time to look out of the box.

Mr. Boyd stated, if the parks improved, other businesses would find the area more attractive.

Ms. Neale suggested the possibility of forming a blueway caucus if we got all the legislators who have land by the lake together and interested. She believed there were at least 50 legislators who could be involved. With such a political group, this Committee could achieve a lot for the coastal communities. This idea met with instant approval by most of the members. Mr. Boyd will meet with Ms. Neale for more information to pursue this idea. A list of barriers to coastal development should be conceived.

Mr. Boyd stated that Mr. Allen wanted to follow up with private landowners who wanted to do something on their property because of erosion. Make up a list. Funding projects is an issue. Public pilot dollars cannot be used for private land. The biggest issue appears to be permits and the time associated with them.

Mr. Cain suggested the Committee look for a project that would put the County on the map. It doesn't seem as though the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was against any of these ideas.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2008. Location to be determined.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Webster moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Buescher seconded the motion.

All voted Aye. .

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- When information on the distribution of the Capital Funds is heard, it should be distributed to all.
- Any community interested in applying for a Coastal Management Assistance Grant, (CMAG) please contact Mr. Boyd as soon as possible. Members are to check with their communities.
- Mr. Boyd and Ms. Neale are to meet to make a list and decide on an approach together for a possible legislative caucus.
- Sand bypass information on a study in Geneva is to be passed onto Mr. Boyd by ODNR.
- Possible Blueway water trail plan application submission to ODNR-CMAG may be made by Messrs. Boyd and Urbanski.

Respectfully submitted by  
Ann Myers